

Northeast Fisheries Observer Program
Industry Funded Scallop Observer Program Equipment List

A. For each observer attending training, please have the following items available for inspection by NMFS on or before the first day of training, and available for use during the training:

- Personal Locator Beacon
- Immersion suit, USCG approved
- PFD, USCG approved
- Strobe light
- Signal mirror
- Guides
 - Peterson's Guide to Atlantic Coast Fishes
 - Peterson's Guide to the Atlantic Seashore
 - Beached Birds, A COASST Field Guide to the North Atlantic
- Scale, 40 lbs
- Measuring tape
- 12" caliper, stainless steel
- Fish measuring board
- Scallop measuring board
- Water thermometer
- Pit tag scanner
- 4 cup/liter graduated plastic container
- HP iPAQ hx2490
- Solar powered calculator
- Foul weather gear – jacket, pants and boots (provided by the observer or provider)
- Rubber gloves – 2 pair

B. The following items are **required** for each observer on **every trip** but do not need to be brought in for inspection by NMFS:

- Fishes of the Gulf of Maine – Bigelow (recommended, but not required at sea)
- Cotton gloves – 2 pair
- Latex gloves – 6 pair
- Clip board
- Binoculars – 7 x 50
- Disposable camera – 6
- Knives – 2
- Sharpening stone
- Stainless steel forceps - 2
- Permanent marker – 6
- Hacksaw
- 12 x 12 baggies - 50
- Large, heavy duty trash bags – 25
- 12-inch cable ties – 10
- 1-cubic foot Styrofoam cooler – 2
- 5-gallon plastic pail
- Cooler ice packs – 6

C. The following items will be provided by NMFS before, on, and/or during training:

- Write-in-rain notebook
- Age envelopes (non-lined)
- Age envelope liners (cut up paper)
- Diaries
- Fish board measuring strips
- Scallop board measuring strips
- Tyvek tags pre-printed for samples
- Tyvek tags, blank
- Marine mammal yellow tags
- Sea turtle tags
- Observer Program Manual
- Observer Biological Sampling Manual
- Observer cheat sheets
- Observer Training Manual
- Regulatory compliance folder
- Marine mammals and turtles field guides
- Requiem shark field guide
- Copies of blank logs
- Marine mammal digital temperature probe
- Marine mammal work slate
- Marine mammal sampling bag